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SUBJ: POSSIBLE GERMAN ZIRCONIUM TUBING SALE TO INDIA

REF: (A) OTTAWA 0192; (B) STATE 277354; (C) BONN 17879;
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1. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT SALE BY FRG OF 500 KILOGRAMS OF ZIRCONIUM TUBING WAS MADE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH LIMITATIONS ADOPTED BY NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS' WORKING GROUP MEETING (REF D) WHICH PERMITS SALE OF 500 KILOGRAMS PER YEAR WITHOUT TRIGGERING SAFEGUARDS.

2. AS NOTED REF C, FRG CONSULTED WITH US IN OCTOBER 1975 ABOUT "HYPOTHETICAL" PROBLEM CREATED SHOULD A NATION PLACE SEPARATE, SIMULTANEOUS ORDERS EACH FOR LESS THAN 500 KILOGRAMS ZIRCONIUM. INDIA HAD, IN FACT, PLACED TWO SUCH ORDERS. NEW TRIGGER LIST REQUIREMENT WOULD APPARENTLY REQUIRE POSTPONEMENT OF ONE OF THESE ORDERS--PART OF A SUPPLY OF ZIRCONIUM TUBING TOTALLING ABOUT 2300 KILOGRAMS--WHICH COULD BE DELIVERED WITHOUT SAFEGUARDS AT THE RATE OF 500 KILOGRAMS PER YEAR.

3. THE SOLUTION CONSIDERED BY THE FRG IN OCTOBER
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(SEE PARA 5, REF C) WOULD HAVE PERMITTED ONLY A ONE-TIME

SHIPMENT TOTTALLING 500 KILOGRAMS. ALL FUTURE SHIPMENTS
WOULD THEN REQUIRE SAFEGUARDS.

4. BEFORE APPROACHING FRG FOR CLARIFICATION OF PRESENT
SITUATION, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT
OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS' WORKING
GROUP CONSENSUS (PARA 2, ABOVE) IS CORRECT. HILLENBRAND

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